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FOR KLEINE FROM THE AMBASSADOR AND KIMBALL

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ALLOTMENT OF EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS

1. PRESIDENTIAL ENVOYS HERMAN KLEINE AND RUSSELL MCCLURE HAVE SEEN THE WIDESPREAD TOLL OF HUMAN SUFFERING AND PHYSICAL DAMAGE THAT HURRICANE FIFI HAS VISITED ON HONDURAS. THEIR REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT SURVEYS THE IMMENSE SETBACK THAT THE DISASTER MEANS FOR HONDURAS, A DISASTER THAT WIPED OUT THE HOUSING AND ACCUMULATED ASSETS OF A LIFETIME FOR THOUSANDS OF RURAL POOR ON THE NORTH COAST OF HONDURAS, DEPRIVING THEM OF THEIR MEANS TO EARN A LIVING SO THAT NOW THEY ARE FORCED TO RELY ON THE GENEROSITY OF OTHER PEOPLES TO LIVE. AT THE SAME TIME, FIFI VIRTUALLY DESTROYED THE KEYSTONE OF HONDURAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNINGS, BANANAS, AND CAUSED UNEMPLOYMENT WHICH WILL HAVE A FURTHER MULTIPLIER EFFECT THROUGHOUT THE ECONOMY. AT PRESENT, SOME 125,000 PEOPLE ARE STILL RECEIVING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, AND MANY MORE ARE ALREADY TRYING TO REESTABLISH GAINFUL ACTIVITY,

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FAMILY CONTACTS AND OTHER VESTIGES OF THEIR FORMER LIVES.

VAST QUANTITIES OF CROPS READY FOR HARVEST HAVE BEEN LOST. MUCH AGRICULTURAL LAND IS STILL INUNDATED. ALL OF THIS IS HAPPENING MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER FIFI.

2. IT IS CLEAR THAT THE USG CONTRIBUTION THUS FAR HAS BEEN AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF THE WORLD-WIDE RESPONSE TO THE TRAGEDY. OUR RELIEF ACTIVITIES WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN DISTRIBUTING THE MUCH NEEDED FOODSTUFFS AND MEDICINES, A SIGNIFICANT PORTION COMING FROM OVER 35 COUNTRIES IN ADDITION TO THE U.S. EMERGENCY PL-480 TITLE II FOOD COMMODITIES HAVE ENABLED CARE, CRS AND OTHER PVOS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY FEEDING TO OVER 100,000 PEOPLE IN AN ORDERLY FASHION AND TO START THE PROCESS OF RETURNING REFUGEES TO THE LAND.

3. THE GOVERNMENT OF HONDURAS AS WELL AS ALL ITS CITIZENS HAVE UNDERTAKEN AN IMPRESSIVE SELF-HELP EFFORT. NEVERTHELESS, WE HAVE NOW COME TO A STAGE IN THE EMERGENCY IN WHICH THE MAJORITY OF FOREIGN PERSONNEL HAVE LEFT OR WILL SOON LEAVE HONDURAS. WHILE RELIEF ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER DONORS WILL CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME, IF ONLY AT A REDUCED LEVEL, MUCH MUST YET BE DONE.

4. WE PROPOSE TO CONTINUE, OVER THE NEXT 30 TO 45 DAYS, THE IMPORTANT TASKS OF SUPPORTING EMERGENCY ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE PHYSICAL SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF DISASTER VICTIMS AND OF BOLSTERING LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL INITIATIVES ORIENTED TO THE PROTECTION OF LIFE. AS ONE STEP TO DO THIS, WE HEREBY REQUEST THE ALLOTMENT TO USAID/ HONDURAS OF APPROXIMATELY \$1 MILLION OF EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS TO SUPPORT GOH, LOCAL, INTERNATIONAL DONOR AND U.S. PVO ACTIVITIES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE ABOVE CRITERIA. WE PROPOSE TO USE THE FUNDS TO SUPPORT PROJECTS OF THE ABOVE TYPES OF ORGANIZATIONS IN EMERGENCY PROGRAMS TO AID FARMERS REPLANT THEIR CROPS, GET AVAILABLE LABORERS OUT OF RELIEF CAMPS AND WORKING, PREFERABLY ON SMALL LABOR-INTENSIVE INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR PROJECTS, CLEANING UP RIVER CHANNELS AND OTHER WATER COURSES, AND IN OTHER WAYS SUPPORT AND PROTECT LIFE. (RAINS IN THE SULA VALLEY OVER THE WEEKEND SHOWED, BY BRINGING NEW FLOODING, HOW DELICATE UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SITUATION REALLY IS.) OUR INVOLVEMENT WOULD NEVER PREEMPT OTHER INITIATIVES BUT WOULD ALWAYS BE TO COVER GAPS IN OTHER RESOURCES. SPECIFICALLY THE FOLLOWING ARE ILLUSTRATIVE OF HIGH PRIORITY NEEDS FOR FUNDS TO BE USED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION EFFORTS START IN EARNEST.

A. PVO PROGRAMS TO MOVE PEOPLE OUT OF REFUGEE CEN-

TERS -- TOOLS, SEEDS AND COOKING UTENSILS FOR 10,000

FARMERS AT \$35 EACH: \$350,000

-- EMERGENCY SHELTER MATERIALS FOR 1,000

FARMERS AT \$100 EACH: \$100,000

B. SOUTHCOM SUPPORT: 50,000

C. MISSION EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT V: 300,000

- MEDICINES

- LOCAL PURCHASES

- LISTER BAGS

- BAILEY BRIDGES

D. 9 700945 59 -, 03\$49 7)-: \$125,000

AND OTHER MUNICIPALITIES: 75,000

FOR SMALL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS SUCH AS

- HEALTH FACILITIES AT EMERGENCY CENTERS

- POTABLE WATER SYSTEM REPAIRS - BRIDGE BUTTRESS-

ING AND REPAIR -- RIVER RECHANNELLING AND CAUSEWAYS

E. TOTAL \$1,000,000

WHERE INDICATED, THESE ACTIVITIES WILL BE SUPPORTED BY
PL 480-TITLE II COMMODITIES.

5. WE UNDERSTAND THAT APPROXIMATELY \$1 MILLION OF
EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED TO
DATE. WE PROPOSE THAT WE BE ALLOTTED THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN THAT AMOUNT AND \$2 MILLION. WE WOULD LIKE TO
ENTER INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE GOH FOR UP TO
\$2 MILLION TO BILATERALLY RECORD ASSISTANCE TO DATE AND TO
SHOW OUR SINCERE WILLINGNESS TO HELP OVERCOME THE TRAGEDY.
(THE AGREEMENT WOULD NOT OBLIGATE AID FUNDS, OF COURSE;
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THAT WOULD BE DONE ON THE BASIS OF SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES.)
THE IMPACT OF SUCH AN AGREEMENT ON THE HONDURAN PEOPLE
WOULD BE ENORMOUSLY POSITIVE, SHOWING THEM THAT THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE DO CARE, THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE, AND
THAT THE HONDURAN SELF-HELP EFFORTS WILL NOT BE IN VAIN.

6. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT THIS MATTER BE GIVEN YOUR MOST
IMMEDIATE ATTENTION AND THAT THE REQUESTED ALLOTMENT BE
MADE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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